

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated November 28, 2011 and the Advisory Action dated March 5, 2012. Claims 1, 4 to 7, 10 to 13 and 16 to 19 are in the application. Claims 1, 7 and 13 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection dated February 28, 2012 is respectfully requested. The changes made herein should be entered subsequent to the entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection.

Claims 1, 7, 13 and 18 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,943,508 (Penney) in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Claims 4, 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Penney, AAPA and U.S. Patent 6,587,735 (Yaguchi). Claims 5 to 6, 11 to 12 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Penney, AAPA, Yaguchi and U.S. Publication No. 2004/0047666 (Mitchell).

In that regard, Applicants and Applicants' undersigned attorney thank Examiner Rust for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during an interview conducted by telephone on March 27, 2012. The Patent Office was also represented by Supervisory Examiner Benny Tieu. During the interview, Examiner Rust tentatively agreed that amendments along the lines of those presented herein would overcome the applied art, although a new search would need to be conducted.

Turning to the remainder of the Office Action, Claims 1 and 18 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, the rejection is believed to be obviated by the changes made in the Amendment After Final Rejection dated February 28, 2012.

No other matters being raised, it is believed the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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